

REMARKS

Claims 29-46 are pending. Claims 29-46 are newly added. Claims 1-29 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the Application and Claims is respectfully requested.

102 Rejection

Claims 4-9, 11, 12, 14 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ko et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,185). Claims 4-9, 11, 12, 14 and 24-28 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 4-9, 11, 12, 14 and 24-28 is moot.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 29-46 are newly added. These Claims include independent Claims 29, 35 and 41. The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 29 (it should be noted that Claims 35 and 41 recite similar limitations). Claim 29 is drawn to a method of creating and modifying a graphical user interface (GUI) using a graphics file and configuration file pair:

29. A method of creating and modifying a graphical user interface (GUI) using a graphics file and configuration file pair, comprising:

accessing said graphics file, wherein said graphics file comprises the full extent and external boundary of said graphical user interface;

accessing said configuration file which comprises header information, skin points and activation region definitions, wherein said activation region definitions comprise definitions associated with importing dynamically linked library (dll) files into a process running on a computer system and the initiation of a recursive use of respective graphics file and configuration file pairs; and

modifying data in said graphics file and configuration file pair to effect the creation and modification of said GUI.

Applicant respectfully submits that the previously cited reference, Ko et al. does not anticipate or render obvious a method of creating and modifying a graphical user interface (GUI) using a graphics file and configuration file pair that includes “accessing said graphics file, wherein said graphics file comprises the full extent and external boundary of said graphical user interface” as recited in Claim 29 (Claims 35 and 41 recite similar limitations). Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that Ko et al. does not anticipate or render obvious a method of creating and modifying a graphical user interface (GUI) using a graphics file and configuration file pair that includes “accessing said configuration file which comprises header information, skin points and activation region definitions, wherein said activation region definitions comprise definitions associated with importing dynamically linked library (dll) files into a process running on a computer system and the initiation of a recursive use of respective graphics file and configuration file pairs” as recited in Claim 29 (Claims 35 and 41 recite similar limitations).

In order to meet the above cited limitations of Claims 29, 35 and 41, a reference has to teach a graphics file and configuration file pair that is capable of creating and modifying a graphical interface. Moreover, the full extent and external boundary of the graphical interface must be contained in the graphics file. Additionally, the reference must teach the specifically recited contents of the configuration file which among other things includes “definitions associated with importing dynamically linked library (dll) files into a process running on a computer system and the initiation of a recursive use of respective graphics file and configuration file pairs.” Applicant respectfully submits that these limitations that are

expressly recited in newly added Claims 29-46 are nowhere taught or suggested by the cited reference.

As understood by Applicant, Ko et al. discloses a dissimilar method and apparatus for tailoring the appearance of a graphical user interface. Ko et al. discloses the files default.xtd and default.xtc but does not teach or suggest that these files constitute a pair for creating and modifying an individual graphical interface. In contrast, as disclosed by Ko et al., these files relate to tailoring the appearance of the graphical user interface. This is underscored in Ko et al. at (column 6, lines 38-39). However, it is clear from the aforementioned disclosures referenced from Ko et al. that the aforementioned files disclosed in Ko et al. have nothing at all to do with the creation of a graphical user interface.

Conclusion


In light of the remarks outlined above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Karl Bring at (970) 898-7244 if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

MURABITO, HAO & BARNES LLP

Dated: 1/14, 2008


James P. Hao
Registration No. 36,398
Two North Market Street
Third Floor
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 938-9060